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REMARKS

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Claims 10-14, 16, 19, 22-26 and 32-34 are pending. Claims 10, 11, 14, 16, 22 and 23 are amended. Claim 21 is cancelled; claims 27-31 were withdrawn by the Examiner. New claims 32- 34 have been added.

No new matter is added. Support for all amended and new claims is found in the specification as originally filed.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, drawn to a coated endoluminal medical device, and including claims 10-14, 16, 19, 22-26 and 32-34.

Previously, in an Office Action dated June 3, 2006, the Examiner restricted the claims into Group I (claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-17 and 19-20) and Group II (claims 7-9, 15 and 18). The June 3, 2006 Office Action further required election of a Species selected from the group consisting of: Species A (Fig. 8), Species B (Fig. 9), Species C (Fig. 10) and Species D (Fig. 11). In a Response dated July 21, 2006, Applicant elected with traverse Group I (claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-17 and 19-20) drawn to a coated endoluminal medical device, and Species A (Fig. 8).

Subsequently, the Office Action dated September 6, 2006 issued the same restriction requirement recited in the June 3, 2006 Office Action, as

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between Group I and Group II, but modifying the Species election requirement to include: "Species B-fig. 9 (including fig. 8)," "Species C-fig. 10 (including fig. 8)," and "Species D-fig. 11." In response, Applicant elected Group I and Species D- fig. 11. Applicant traversed the restriction requirement for reasons already of record in the REMARKS of the July 21, 2006 Response, incorporated herein by reference.

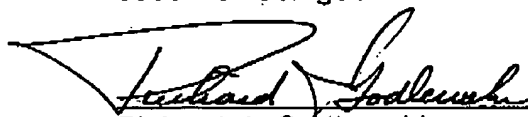
Conclusion

The application is in condition for Examination, which is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, (s)he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 330-1824.

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